

Thompson (CA)	Udall (NM)	Weiner
Thompson (MS)	Upton	Weldon (FL)
Thornberry	Velazquez	Weldon (PA)
Thune	Visclosky	Weller
Thurman	Vitter	Whitfield
Tiahrt	Walden	Wicker
Tiberi	Walsh	Wilson
Tierney	Waters	Wolf
Toomey	Watkins (OK)	Woolsey
Towns	Watson (CA)	Wu
Trafficant	Watt (NC)	Young (FL)
Turner	Watts (OK)	
Udall (CO)	Waxman	

NAYS—2

Houghton

Paul

NOT VOTING—39

Baker	Ehrlich	Ortiz
Barr	Ferguson	Payne
Becerra	Gibbons	Pombo
Blunt	Hall (OH)	Radanovich
Boozman	Hill	Riley
Callahan	LaFalce	Souder
Cantor	Largent	Stark
Clay	Lipinski	Sweeney
Cooksey	Luther	Terry
Cox	McInnis	Wamp
Cubin	McIntyre	Wexler
Cummings	Meek (FL)	Wynn
Delahunt	Murtha	Young (AK)

□ 1912

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to award congressional gold medals on behalf of government workers who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and perished and on behalf of people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL 6 A.M. DECEMBER 19, 2001, TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3061, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have until 6 a.m., December 19, 2001, to file a conference report on the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

MAKING IN ORDER AFTER 1 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001, CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3061, DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time after 1 p.m. on

Wednesday, December 19, 2001, to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3061) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived; and the conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken tomorrow.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3427

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor from H.R. 3427.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

□ 1915

HOMESTAKE MINE CONVEYANCE ACT OF 2001

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1389) to provide for the conveyance of certain real property in South Dakota to the State of South Dakota with indemnification by the United States Government, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1389

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—CONVEYANCE OF HOMESTAKE MINE

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Homestake Mine Conveyance Act of 2001".

SEC. 102. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States is among the leading nations in the world in conducting basic scientific research.

(2) That leadership position strengthens the economy and national defense of the United States and provides other important benefits.

(3) The Homestake Mine in Lead, South Dakota, owned by the Homestake Mining Company of California, is approximately 8,000 feet deep and is situated in a unique physical setting that is ideal for carrying out certain types of particle physics and other research.

(4) The Mine has been selected by the National Underground Science Laboratory

Committee, an independent panel of distinguished scientists, as the preferred site for the construction of the National Underground Science Laboratory.

(5) Such a laboratory would be used to conduct scientific research that would be funded and recognized as significant by the United States.

(6) The establishment of the laboratory is in the national interest and would substantially improve the capability of the United States to conduct important scientific research.

(7) For economic reasons, Homestake intends to cease operations at the Mine in 2001.

(8) On cessation of operations of the Mine, Homestake intends to implement reclamation actions that would preclude the establishment of a laboratory at the Mine.

(9) Homestake has advised the State that, after cessation of operations at the Mine, instead of closing the entire Mine, Homestake is willing to donate the underground portion of the Mine and certain other real and personal property of substantial value at the Mine for use as the National Underground Science Laboratory.

(10) Use of the Mine as the site for the laboratory, instead of other locations under consideration, would result in a savings of millions of dollars for the Federal Government.

(11) If the Mine is selected as the site for the laboratory, it is essential that closure of the Mine not preclude the location of the laboratory at the Mine.

(12) Homestake is unwilling to donate, and the State is unwilling to accept, the property at the Mine for the laboratory if Homestake and the State would continue to have potential liability with respect to the transferred property.

(13) To secure the use of the Mine as the location for the laboratory and to realize the benefits of the proposed laboratory it is necessary for the United States to—

(A) assume a portion of any potential future liability of Homestake concerning the Mine; and

(B) address potential liability associated with the operation of the laboratory.

SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) AFFILIATE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "affiliate" means any corporation or other person that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Homestake.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term "affiliate" includes a director, officer, or employee of an affiliate.

(3) CONVEYANCE.—The term "conveyance" means the conveyance of the Mine to the State under section 104(a).

(4) FUND.—The term "Fund" means the Environment and Project Trust Fund established under section 108.

(5) HOMESTAKE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "Homestake" means the Homestake Mining Company of California, a California corporation.

(B) INCLUSION.—The term "Homestake" includes—

(i) a director, officer, or employee of Homestake;

(ii) an affiliate of Homestake; and

(iii) any successor of Homestake or successor to the interest of Homestake in the Mine.

(6) INDEPENDENT ENTITY.—The term "independent entity" means an independent entity selected jointly by Homestake, the South